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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6792

BILL NUMBER: HB 1117

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 4, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voluntary Exclusion Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Whetstone

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Reigsecker

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the personal information of a participant in a voluntary exclusion program may be disseminated to the owner or operator of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Gaming Commission and to other entities upon request by the participant.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that the Indiana Gaming Commission (IGC) may disseminate the list of voluntary exclusion program participants and the personal information on these program participants to the owner or operator of a facility under the IGC's jurisdiction and to other entities. However, the bill prohibits the dissemination of this information unless the program participant requests that it be disseminated and the IGC agrees to do so. The administrative impact of this change is indeterminable, but any additional cost would be reimbursed from Riverboat Admission Tax revenue distributed to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

Under current statute, the list of participants in the voluntary exclusion program, and the personal information on those participants, is confidential. Current statute authorizes the IGC to provide only the list of participants in the voluntary exclusion program to the *owner* of a facility under the IGC's jurisdiction. Thus, only the 10 licensed riverboat owners would be privy to the list of program participants. This excludes the operating agent of the Orange County riverboat casino. In addition, the IGC is prohibited from disseminating the personal information of program participants to any person or entity.

Current statute requires the Division of Mental Health and Addiction to reimburse the IGC for the administrative cost relating to the voluntary exclusion program from Riverboat Admission Tax revenue distributed to the Division. Under current law, the Division's annual Admission Tax distribution is fixed at

the FY 2002 level of approximately \$4.2 M.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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